

Poetry Analysis Outline

I. Introduction

- A. Title of poem
- B. Author of Poem
- C. Brief 2-3 sentence summary of plot
- D. Thesis Statement - Tell how Poe used different literary elements to make "The Raven" come alive for readers. Ex. *In his poem, "The Raven", Edgar Allen Poe uses the literary devices of rhyme, repetition, alliteration, and mood to create a dark and disturbing picture in the mind of his readers.*

II. Theme and Mood

- A. The theme is death
- B. Tell how Poe uses precise language to create a mood and setting that portrays death
- C. Cite specific examples from the poem
- D. Analyze each line and tell which words allude to death and darkness

III. Figurative Language and Poetic Devices

- A. Introductory sentence: Tell how Poe uses rhyme and repetition to enhance the readability and enjoyment of the poem.
- B. Cite specific examples: See powerpoint notes
- C. Tell how he uses alliteration
- D. Cite specific examples
- E. Tell about his use of stressed and unstressed syllables and how each line contains 16 syllables

IV. Your interpretation of the poem. What does it say or mean to you? Was it all a dream? Was it real? Why or why not? **CITE EXAMPLES FROM THE POEM.**

V. Conclusion

- A. Restate thesis
- B. Explain how mood, theme, figurative language, and poetic devices contribute to the overall meaning and readability of the poem.